Heating Oil Insurance Program Registration Transfers

Heating Oil Insurance Program

The Pollution Liability Insurance Agency (PLIA) <u>Heating Oil Pollution Liability Insurance</u> <u>Program</u> covers up to \$60,000 for cleanup of contamination caused by a heating oil tank release. PLIA's insurance program covers cleanup costs not covered by other insurance on your property or a neighboring property. Coverage is for releases that occur **after** the heating oil tank is registered with PLIA.



Insurance does not cover:

- The tank decommissioning process.
- Leaks from abandoned, decommissioned tanks, or other sources.
- Emergency heat restoration.
- Removal, repair, or replacement of the tank/lines/furnace (this does not include reimbursement of new tank replacement costs for fiberglass tanks).
- Heating oil lost in the release.

The Heating Oil Insurance Program is available for tanks registered before July 2, 2020 unless there is a property transfer. If an owner who registered their tank prior to this date transfers ownership, the new owner may still be eligible for the program. To confirm your heating oil tank's registration status, please call PLIA at (800) 822-3905 or search the Online Community. For heating oil tank owners experiencing a leak and not registered with the Heating Oil Insurance Program, you can apply for our Heating Oil Loan and Grant Program for possible financial assistance for your cleanup.

Heating Oil Tank Registration



Before attempting to transfer a heating oil tank registration, you should first check to see if you are already registered with PLIA.

To verify your registration status please call (800) 822-3905 or visit PLIA's <u>Registration Search</u> page and fill out the required fields. If your tank is already registered under your name, you do not need to go through the heating oil tank registration transfer process.

How to Transfer a Registration

If a registered owner sells the property, or transfers ownership in any way, the coverage under the Heating Oil Pollution Liability Insurance Program ends. The new property owner can maintain coverage for an active heating oil tank by requesting a transfer of registration within **180 calendar days from the date of the property transfer.** The date of the property transfer according to the county assessor's office will be considered the first day of the 180 days for program eligibility.

To transfer a current registration, the new owner of the heating oil tank can visit our Online Community.

Before accessing the Online Community, you will create a <u>Secure Access Washington (SAW)</u> account. After that, go to our <u>Online Community</u>, click the "Heating Oil Insurance" button, and then follow the steps below to transfer the registration.

Step 1: Click the "Transfer a Registration" button.



Step 2: Enter the email address associated with your SAW Account in the "Username" box and click "Submit.



Step 3: Fill out the fields of the "Transfer Registration form and click "Submit."



When Tank Registrations Cannot be Transferred

If any of the following conditions apply, then the registration cannot be transferred:

- Your heating oil tank has never been registered with PLIA.
- You are not the registered owner of the property where the tank is located according to the county assessor.
- The property transfer between you and the prior owner has not yet been recorded with the county assessor's office.
- You missed the 180-day transfer eligibility period to register your tank with PLIA.
- Your tank is **not** an active heating oil tank.
- The heating oil tank is decommissioned or abandoned.

PLIA Claims Opened by Previous Property Owners

If a previous PLIA registrant opened a claim at a property now owned by a new owner, the new owner does not need to transfer the PLIA registration to continue coverage under the existing claim.

In order for the new property owner to make decisions regarding the claim opened by the previous owner, PLIA will need a written statement from the previous owner. The email or letter will need to include the following:

- Property address of tank.
- Date property was sold.
- Name(s) of new owners.
- PLIA registration or claim number.
- Previous owner(s) name(s).

For further information regarding the PLIA claim transfer process, please contact <u>Kimberly Bzotte</u>, Heating Oil Outreach Coordinator.

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